GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:161
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000
EXPORT OF ONIONS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NAFED has suspended export of onions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether prices of onions have increased during the last six months;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether due to suspension of export of onions, farmers are suffering lot of losses because of surplus stocks; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir. It was suspended temporarily from 1st to 13th November, 2000.

(b): There was sudden spurt in prices of onion in the last week of October, 2000. In order to protect the interests of domestic consumers, the export was temporarily suspended.

(c): There was some increase in prices of onions.

(d): The details are reflected in the Annexure attached.

(e) & (f): No, Sir. Because the export of onion has been resumed with effect from 14th November, 2000 to safeguard the interests of onion growers.

Annexure

MONTHWISE WHOLESALE RATE OF ONION FOR LAST SIX MONTHS OF 2000-2001 (TENTATIVE) (Rs. per Qtl.)

	2000-2001 AZADPUR (DELHI)			2000-2001 NASIK (MAHARASHTRA)(MODEL)			2000-2001 PUNE (MAHARASHTRA)		
	Arrival	Min.	Max.	Arrival	Min.	Max.	Arrival	Min.	Max.
APRIL	77860	100	475	192730	180	304	422751	100	270
MAY	156900	125	425	670826	121	340	397301	100	300
JUNE	249380	100	500	520549	150	346	425841	120	300
JULY	208730	150	625	481230	151	335	317595	150	350
AUGUST	187460	125	625	394525	170	440	263890	100	420
SEPT.	199975	200	800	401686	239	406	192652	150	400
OCT.	240532	250	875	375610	295	830	302046	200	800